

**APPENDIX C**  
**PREPARATION OF DD FORM 890**  
**(RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING**  
**(EFFECTS AND PHYSICAL DATA) )**

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**C-1. General**

DD Form 890 (fig C-1) is used to record identifying media at the cemetery, mortuary, or central identification laboratory (CIL). Exactness of entries during processing operations is vitally important to the final identification of remains.

Some entries require information from other records, and others require information obtained by examining the remains. All blocks must be completed. When the information cannot be provided, None, None found, or NA (not applicable) is entered.

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING (Effects and Physical Data)				DATE	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number)		GRADE	SERVICE NO./SSAN	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)	
HACKER, Laurance H.		PFC	253 82 3249	912	
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER				PLOT	ROW
US Army Mortuary, Saigon				NA	NA
RECEIVED FROM				IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG	
NA					
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)					
Two identification tags found, one in pocket of trousers, one on cross.					
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)					
Clothing found on remains: Jacket, cotton, size 40 Trousers, cotton, size 36/32 Socks, wool Undershorts, cotton, size 36, with marking H3249 Undershirt, cotton, size 40, with marking H3249					
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN		X-RAYS MADE		FLUOROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	MUSCULARITY	COLOR OF HAIR	RACE OR NATIVITY		
Fem + Fib = 6'0"	Large	Brown	Caucasian		
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY					
Decomposition prevents findings.					
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS					
None.					
WOUNDS OR INJURIES					
Decomposition prevents findings.					
I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.					
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION				SIGNATURE	
Herbert R. Catz, 1LT, QMC, Co. A, 207th S&S Bn					

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Figure C-1. DD Form 890 (Record of Identification Processing (Effects and Physical Data)).

**C-2. Date Block**

Enter the date the form is completed.

**C-3. Name Block**

Enter the name of the decedent in the order indicated. If unknown, enter Unknown or Unk and Unknown X-number.

**C-4. Grade and Service Number (Social Security Number) Blocks**

Make entries as directed. If unknown, enter Unknown or Unk.

**C-5. CIL Case Number Block**

Enter CIL case number if applicable. If not applicable, enter NA.

**C-6. Name of Cemetery, Evacuation Number, or Search and Recovery Number Block**

Complete as indicated unless the remains is processed at a CIL. If at a CIL, enter its name.

**C-7. Plot, Row, Grave Blocks**

Unless unit is a cemetery, enter NA.

**C-8. Received From Block**

Indicate if remains was obtained through evacuation or search and recovery. If remains was received from cemetery, enter NA.

**C-9. Imprint of Identification Tag Block**

Enter imprint of the ID tag here. If the ID tag is missing, enter Missing. If the tag is too mutilated to imprint, enter Mutilated followed by the information from the tag.

**C-10. Official Identification Found With Remains Block**

Enter all information qualifying as official identifying media. Some examples are as follows:

- a. ID tags. If found, indicate where they were found on the remains.
- b. Official identification card (DD Form 2A (Armed Forces Identification Card)).

c. DD Form 1380 (US Field Medical Card).

d. Motor vehicle operator's permit, credit cards, marriage certificate, will, money orders.

e. Objects bearing name and/or service number.

**C-11. Items of Clothing and Equipment Found With Remains Block**

Enter the following to the extent available.

a. Size and type of clothing, distinctive insignia, and laundry markings.

b. Any nonporous substances found in clothing during fluoroscopic examination.

c. Any markings discovered in footgear, headgear, web belt, and helmet liner, as detailed in AR 700-84.

d. Full description of insignia, decorations, medals, and campaign badges.

e. Complete description of military equipment, including identification numbers.

f. Data from decedent's military records, including name, grade, and service or social security number, along with other pertinent data.

**C-12. Technological Tests and Comments Blocks (Fingerprints, Photographs, etc.)**

Mark an X in the appropriate block, indicating that a test was performed. Attach any relevant pictures or statements resulting from the tests.

**C-13. Physical Description Blocks**

Enter information, using data taken from DD Forms 892 and 893 or obtained by direct observation.

**C-14. Name, Grade, Organization, and Signature Blocks**

Enter name, grade, and unit of the preparer of the form. The preparer signs the form in the Signature block.